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This report contains the results from the **2015 October Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to those cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Sugarcane Production Up from Last Year
Corn, Cotton, Rice, Sorghum, and Soybean Production Down from Last Year

Louisiana **corn** for grain production is forecast at 66.3 million bushels, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down 7 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 170 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 13 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 390,000 acres of corn for grain, unchanged from 2014.

All cotton production is forecast at 230,000 bales, down 10,000 bales from the September 1 forecast and 174,000 bales below last year. Yield is expected to average 1,032 pounds per harvested acre, down 45 pounds from last month and down 122 pounds from 2014. Producers expect to harvest 107,000 acres of cotton, down 61,000 acres from 2014.

Hay production is forecast at 966,000 tons, down 24 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 2.1 tons per acre, down 0.3 ton from August 1 forecast and down 0.6 ton from last year. Producers expect to harvest 460,000 acres of all hay, down 10,000 acres from 2014.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 27.3 million hundredweight, down 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and down 16 percent from last year’s production of 32.7 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of October 1, the all rice yield for 2015 is forecast at 6,600 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from last month and down 530 pounds from 2014. Producers expect to harvest 414,000 acres of rice, down 44,000 acres from 2014.

Sorghum for grain production in 2015 is forecast at 5.4 million bushels, down 18 percent from the September 1 forecast and down 40 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 70 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels from last month and down 23 bushels from 2014. Planted acreage is revised to 80,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from June 2015. Harvested acreage for grain is revised from 82,000 acres to 77,000 acres.

Soybeans production in 2015 is forecast at 57.8 million bushels, down 19 percent from the September 1 forecast and down 27 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 41 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last month and down 15.5 bushels from last year. Planted acreage is revised to 1.43 million acres, down 170,000 acres from June 2015. Harvested acreage is revised from 1.58 million acres to 1.41 million acres.

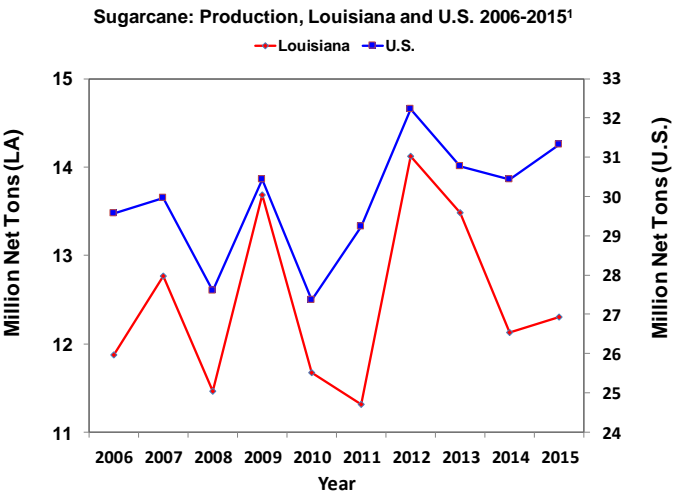
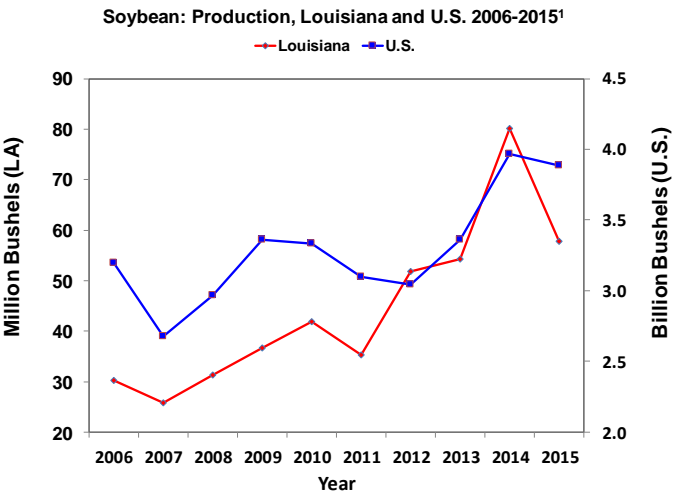
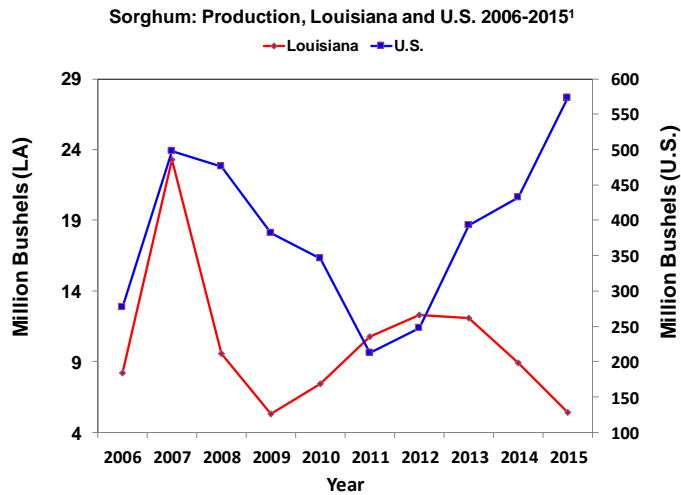
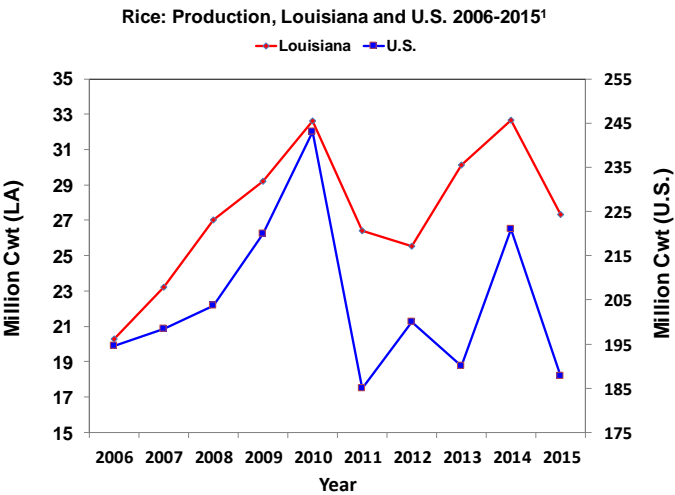
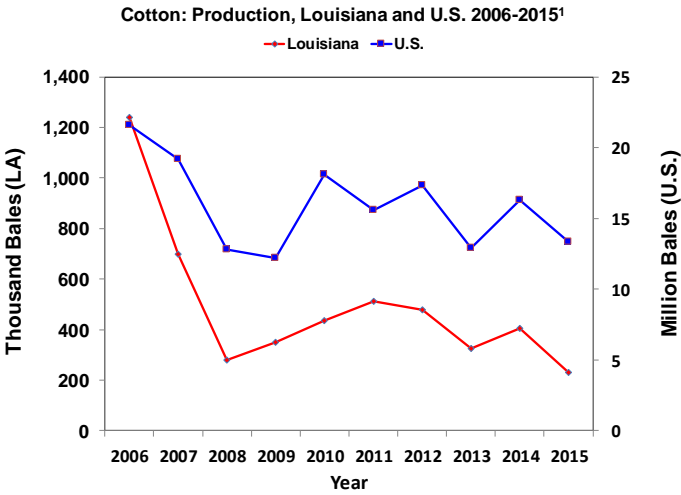
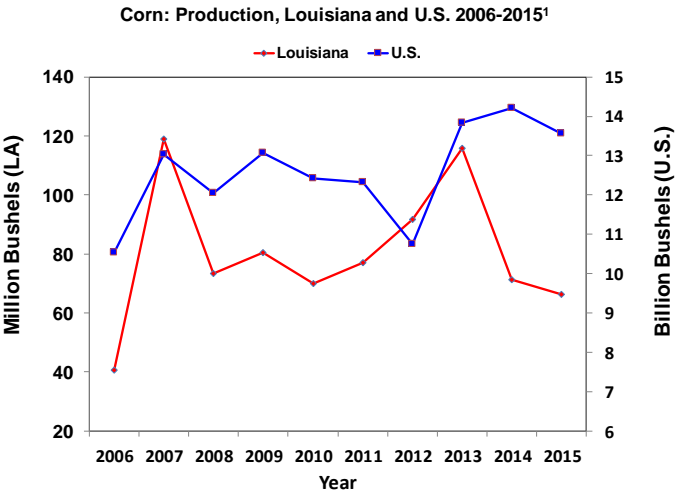
Sugarcane production is forecast at 12.3 million net tons, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but up 1 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average at 30 net tons per acre, unchanged from last month but up 0.5 net ton from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 410,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2014.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Louisiana and U.S., 2014 and Forecasted October 1, 2015

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Louisiana							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	390	390	183	170	71,370	66,300
Cotton, All	¹	168	107	1,154	1,032	404	230
Hay, All	Tons	470	460	2.70	2.10	1,269	966
Rice, All	²	458	414	7,130	6,600	32,658	27,324
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	96	77	93	70	8,928	5,390
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	1,395	1,410	56.5	41.0	78,818	57,810
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	Net Tons	411	410	29.5	30.0	12,125	12,300
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	83,136	80,664	171.0	168.0	14,215,532	13,554,923
Cotton, All	¹	9,346.8	8,166.3	838	784	16,319.4	13,338.0
Hay, All	Tons	57,092	56,539	2.45	2.52	139,798	142,401
Peanuts	Pounds	1,322.5	1,582.0	3,932	3,997	5,188,665	6,322,500
Rice, All	²	2,919	2,570	7,572	7,307	221,035	187,792
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	6,401	7,645	67.6	75.0	432,575	573,553
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	82,591	82,429	47.5	47.2	3,927,090	3,887,721
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	Net Tons	870.3	881.7	35.0	35.5	30,424	31,319

¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).



¹ Forecasted production for 2015 as of October 1, 2015.